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SUBJECT:

1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS -- BOTH OPPOSITIONS AND GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING
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HAS UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNED NOVEMBER 11 UNGA RESOLUTION EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM. RESOLUTION ITSELF, TOGETHER WITH ITS IMPLIED MESSAGE TO SOUTH AFRICA, APPEARS TO HAVE FURTHER ALIENATED SOUTH AFRICAN OPINION AGAINST THE WORLD BODY.

2. SOUTH AFRICA -- ITSELF LONG A SUBJECT OF HOSTILE ATTENTION IN UN -- IS BELIEVED TO BE REVIEWING ITS MEMBERSHIP. PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER STATED RECENTLY THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD NOT TAKE PART IN UN PROCEEDINGS IN "THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE." SA DELEGATION HAS NOT TAKEN ITS SEAT IN CURRENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3. TYPICAL EDITORIAL REACTION TO THE ZIONISM/RACISM RESOLUTION WAS EXPRESSED BY THE NATAL MERCURY: "IN SPITE OF CLEAR WARNINGS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER WESTERN DEMOCRACIES AGAINST PASSING A RESOLUTION EQUANTING ZIONISM WITH RACISM, THE UNGA HAS GONE AHEAD AND DONE IT, WITH A RECKLESSNESS THAT SUGGESTS THAT HALF ITS MEMBERS EITHER DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE WORLD BODY OR ARE DELIBERATELY CALLING WHAT THEY THINK IS AMERICA'S BLUFF. ALL THE SIGNS WERE THAT THE AMERICANS WERE NOT BLUFFING
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AND THAT THE FANATICS OF THE THIRD WORLD HAVE OVERPLAYED THEIR

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HAND, BRINGING THE UN CLOSER TO COLLAPSE THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN. AND THE IMMEDIATE REACTIONS OF US CONGRESSMEN ARE FORESHADOWINGS OF SELECTIVE CUTS IN THE FOREIGN AID PROGRAM AND A FULL REAPPRAISAL OF AMERICAN FUNDING OF THE UN WHICH AT PRESENT PAYS MORE THAT A QUARTER OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET. THE ANGER OF THE US AMBASSADOR, DANIEL MOYNIHAN, IS UNMISTAKEABLE AND APPARENTLY IMPLACABLE .... SUCH WAS THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT THAT EVEN THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL DR. WALDHEIM WAS THAWED OUT OF HIS FROZEN ATTITUDE OF SYCOPHANTIC ADULATION TOWARDS THE THIRD WORLD SUFFECIENTLY TO ISSUE A MILD AND PLATITUDINAL WARNING. BUT WHATEVER DISCIPLINGING MAY BE IN STORE FOR THE FANATICS IN THE GLASS MENAGERIE ON EAST RIVER, SOUTH AFRICA CANNOT AFFORD TO REVEL IN THEIR DISCOMFORT. IN DEFENDING ZIONISM AGAINST THE CHARGE OF RACISM AS WELL AS IN SEEKING TO EQUATE IT, APARTHEID IS HELD UP ON BOTH SIDES AS THE DEFINITIVE EXAMPLE OF DETESTABLE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. UNTIL SOUTH AFRICA MAKES SUBSTANTIAL STRIDES TOWARDS FULFILLING HER PROMISES AT THE UN TO END RACIAL DISCRIMINATIONN SHE WILL REMAIN THE WEST'S MOST EMBARRASSING ALLY. BUT IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THE GA'S ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION WILL SPREAD LIKE A DARK STAIN OVER ITWS OTHER EXCESSES TOO. IT HAS ALREADY ALIENATED MODERATE SUPPORT FOR OTHER RESOLUTIONS AIMED AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA ..."

4. THE STAR DESCRIBED THE ZIONISM RESOLUTION AS "THE MOST SELF-DESTRUCTIVE DECISION TAKEN BY THE WORLD BODY. MORE THAN ANYTING ELSE, THE RESOLUTION HAS EXPOSED THE DUPLICITY OF AN ORGANIZATION DOMINATED BY NON-DEMOCRATIC STATES WHICH HAVE MADE LITTLE OR NO CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE AND PROGRESS AND WHICH HAVE SHAMELESSLY USED THE UN FOR THEIR OWN ENDS. BECAUSE IT WAS SO DIFFICULT FOR THE WESTERN POWERS TO BE SEEN TO BE DEFENDING WHAT THEY SAW AS RACISM IN SOUTH AFRICA, THEY ALLOWED TH US TO GO BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF ITS OWN CHARTER IN ITS MANY ATTACHS ON SOUTH AFRICA. IN FACT, SOME OF THE WESTERN STATES EVEN ENCOURAGED THIS DEPARTURE FROM WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN ABSOLUTELY RIGID PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN A COUNTRY'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. THIS DEVIATION FROM PRINCIPLE HAS LED DIRECTLY TO THE SO-CALLED THIRD WORLD USING ITS UN VOTING POWER TO SEEK TO DESTROY ITS NEXT TARGET: ISRAEL."

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TM DIE TRANSVALER (AFRIKAANS) SAID: "NOBODY CAN BLAME SOUTH AFRICA FOR TAKING A CERTAIN CYNICAL DELIGHT IN THE OUTRAGED REACTION TO THE DECISION OF THE UNGA TO EQUATE ZIONISM WITH RACISM. FOR YEARS THE REPUBLIC'S WAS A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS. OUR MESSAGE THAT THE WITCH HUNT BY THE COMMUNIST AND THURD WORLD STATES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA'S RACE POLICIES -- UNDERWRITTEN BY FELFIST-LIBERAL ELEMENTS IN THE WEST -1 COULD LEAD TO THE DEMISE OF THE WORLD ORGANIZATION, ALWAYS FELL ON DEAF EARS.

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SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT WISH TO MAKE CAPITAL OUT OF THE POSITION ISRAEL FINDS HERSELF IN. ALL WE WISH IS THAT THE WEST WILL COME TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE FIRST STEP IN THE ROAD TO SELF-DESTRUCTION IS INEVITABLY FOLLOWED BY A SECOND AND THAT THE END COULD COME SOONER THAT ONE IMAGINES."

6. BEELD, ANOTHER AFRIKAANS NEWSPAPER, SAID THE ZIONISM RESOLUTION HAD "PLUNGED THE UN INTO A CRISIS OF SURVIVAL, WITH UNPREDICTABLE CONSEQUENCES." BEELD SAID THE "IRRATIONAL MAJORITY" IN THE UN COULD DESTROY THE ORGANIZATION. "THE WESTERN NATIONS ARE NOW FACED WITH A SITUATION IN THE UN THAT CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE, THE SITUATION BEING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS TURNED INTO A BEAST THAT IS DEVOURING ITSELF."
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